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Serial No.: TBA ) Date: December 4, 2003

For: A METHOD OF STERILIZING A PACKAGE MATERIAL

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## RULE 1.53(b) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of allowed prior application Serial No. 09/284,050 filed July 6, 1999, entitled: **A METHOD OF STERILIZING A PACKAGE MATERIAL**

1.  The filing fee is calculated below:

## CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER THE AMENDMENT BELOW

For: Basic Filing Fee	No. filed	No. extra	Fees for	
			small entity	large entity
Total claims.....	3-20=	0	\$385	\$770
Indep claims.....	1- 3=	0		
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Total			\$385	

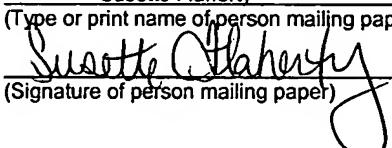
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2. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply (complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a) [ ] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
[ ] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[ ] two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
[ ] three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
[ ] four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[ ] An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

3. [X] Check no. 5162 in the amount of \$ 385.00 is to cover the filing fee and
4. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. [X] A copy of the Original Application
6. [X] A copy of the Declaration and Assignment to Tetra Laval Holdings & Finance SA
7. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a [ ] continuation-in-part, [X] continuation application, [ ] division, of application  
Serial No. 09/284,050, filed July 6, 1999.

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